

think at this point about this particular tax. I think that we should support the Warner motion and then we will deal with this at an appropriate time when we will have the related revenue bills before us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Barrett, please.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I guess I rise with some reluctance but feel that I need to because of the fact that I have expressed my concern on previous occasions on this floor about matters of bracketing bills. I am not in great sympathy with bracketing bills and I have shared this with Senator Warner. He knows my feelings exactly. On the other hand, and I have been standing here trying to think this thing through on this particular issue, this may very well be one of those special situations, one of those incidents in which rules or customs should be breached or broken. We have been on the bill for the better part of three days or parts of three days. We are still hung up. I am not so sure but what there isn't some justification for taking a look at a tobacco tax bill as a part of an overall tax package, and I am not in sympathy with overloading the Revenue Committee with any more work, Senator Johnson, but as I understand the motion, this puts the onus on the Speaker's Office to decide when this bill is again considered. Should the body decide that that is, in fact, the case, I will accept that responsibility. It goes with the territory. But, like Senator Johnson, I am not looking for additional work either. One of my prime concerns with the matter of bracketing is now and will ever for be an opportunity for some members to manipulate the agenda. This is my prime concern. In this particular instance, I do not have the feeling that this is an effort to manipulate any kind of an agenda. I suppose for that reason I would back off and state to you that maybe we again should take a look at this issue as a matter of a total, a total package. Perhaps it would be appropriate, even though, as some earlier member said, it is unprecedented. I guess, Mr. President, I will reluctantly support the motion but, understandably, with some concern and trepidation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please, then Senator Moore.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, do not support the motion to bracket. I look upon this as another delay tactic. I think that our Revenue Committee has given this due consideration and I know that all of us in our committee